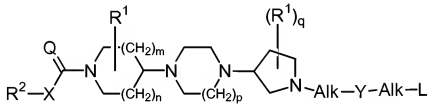
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound according to the general Formula (I)



(I)

the pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base addition salts thereof, the stereochemically isomeric forms thereof, the *N*-oxide form thereof and prodrugs thereof, wherein :

n is an integer, equal to 1;

m is an integer, equal to 1;

p is an integer equal to 1 or 2;

q is an integer equal to 0;

Q is O;

X is a covalent bond;

~~each R^3 independently from each other, is hydrogen or alkyl ;~~

each R^1 independently from each other, is selected from the group of Ar^1, Ar^1-alkyl and di(Ar^1)-alkyl ;

R^2 is Ar^2;

Y is a covalent bond or a bivalent radical of formula -C(=O)-, $-SO_2-$, >C=CH-R or >C=N-R, wherein R is H , CN or nitro ;

each Alk represents, independently from each other, a covalent bond ; a bivalent straight or branched, saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon radical having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms ; or a cyclic saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon radical having from 3 to 6 carbon atoms ; each radical optionally substituted on one or more carbon atoms with one or more , phenyl, halo, cyano, hydroxy, formyl and amino radicals;

L is selected from the group of hydrogen, alkyl, alkyloxy, alkyloxyalkyloxy, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkyloxycarbonyl, mono- and di(alkyl)amino, mono- and di(alkyloxycarbonyl)amino, mono- and di(alkylcarbonyl)amino, mono-and di(Ar^3)amino, mono-and di(Ar^3alkyl)amino, mono-and di(Het^2)amino, mono-and di(Het^2alkyl)amino, alkylsulfanyl, adamantyl, Ar^3, Ar^3-oxy, Ar^3carbonyl, Het^2, Het-oxy and Het^2carbonyl;

Ar^1 is phenyl, optionally substituted with 1, 2 or 3 substituents, each independently from each other, selected from the group of halo, alkyl, cyano, aminocarbonyl and alkyloxy ;

Ar^2 is naphthalenyl or phenyl, each optionally substituted with 1, 2 or 3 substituents, each independently from each other, selected from the group of halo, nitro, amino, mono- and di(alkyl)amino, cyano, alkyl, hydroxy, alkyloxy, carboxyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl and mono- and di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl ;

Ar^3 is naphthalenyl or phenyl, optionally substituted with 1, 2 or 3 substituents, each independently from each other, selected from the group of alkyloxy, Ar^1carbonyloxyalkyl, Ar^1alkyloxycarbonyl, Ar^1alkyloxyalkyl, alkyl, halo, hydroxy, pyridinyl, morpholinyl, pyrrolidinyl, imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridinyl, morpholinylcarbonyl, pyrrolidinylcarbonyl, amino and cyano;

Het^2 is a monocyclic heterocyclic radical selected from the group of pyrrolidinyl, dioxolyl, imidazolidinyl, pyrazolidinyl, piperidinyl, morpholinyl, dithianyl, thiomorpholinyl, piperazinyl, imidazolidinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, 2H-pyrrolyl, pyrrolinyl, imidazolinyl, pyrazolinyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, triazolyl, furanyl, thienyl, oxazolyl, dioxazolyl, oxazolidinyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl,

pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl and triazinyl ;
or a bicyclic heterocyclic radical selected from the group of 2,3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxine, octahydro-benzo[1,4]dioxine, benzopiperidinyl, quinolinyl, quinoxalinyl, indolyl, isoindolyl, chromanyl, benzimidazolyl, imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridinyl, benzoxazolyl, benzisoxazolyl, benzothiazolyl, benzisothiazolyl, benzofuranyl or benzothienyl ;
or the tricyclic heterocyclic radical 8,9-dihydro-4*H*-1-oxa-3,5,7a-triaza-cyclopenta[f]azulenyl ; each radical may optionally be substituted with one or more radicals selected from the group of Ar^1, Ar^1alkyl, Ar^1alkyloxyalkyl, halo, hydroxy, alkyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolyl, thienyl, oxo, alkyloxy, alkylcarbonyl, Ar^1carbonyl, mono- and di(alkyl)aminoalkyl, alkyloxyalkyl and alkyloxycarbonyl; and

alkyl is a straight or branched saturated hydrocarbon radical having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms or a cyclic saturated hydrocarbon radicals having from 3 to 6 carbon atoms ; optionally substituted on one or more carbon atoms with one or more radicals selected from the group of phenyl, halo, cyano, oxo, hydroxy, formyl and amino.

2. (Previously amended) A compound according to claim 1 wherein :

R^1 is Ar^1-alkyl;

R^2 is Ar^2;

Y is a covalent bond or a bivalent radical of formula -C(=O)-, $-SO_2-$, >C=CH-R or >C=N-R, wherein R is CN or nitro ;

each Alk represents, independently from each other, a covalent bond ; a bivalent straight or branched, saturated hydrocarbon radical having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms ; or a cyclic saturated hydrocarbon radical having from 3 to 6 carbon atoms ; each radical optionally substituted on one or more carbon atoms with one or more phenyl, halo and hydroxy radicals;

L is selected from the group of hydrogen, alkyl, alkyloxy, alkyloxyalkyloxy, alkylcarbonyloxy, mono- and di(alkyl)amino, mono- and di(alkyloxycarbonyl)amino, mono- and di(alkylcarbonyl)amino, mono-and di(Ar^3)amino, mono-and di(Ar^3alkyl)amino, mono-and di(Het^2alkyl)amino,

alkylsulfanyl, adamantyl, Ar^3, Het^2 and Het^2carbonyl;

Ar^1 is phenyl, optionally substituted with 1 or 2 halo radicals ;Ar^2 is naphthalenyl or phenyl, each optionally substituted with 1, 2 or 3 substituents, each independently from each other, selected from the group of halo, alkyl and alkyloxy;

Ar^3 is naphthalenyl or phenyl, optionally substituted with 1, 2 or 3 substituents, each independently from each other, selected from the group of alkyloxy, Ar^1alkyloxycarbonyl, Ar^1alkyloxyalkyl, alkyl, halo and cyano;

Het^2 is a monocyclic heterocyclic radical selected from the group of pyrrolidinyl, dioxolyl, piperidinyl, morpholinyl, piperazinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, furanyl, thienyl, dioxazolyl, oxazolidinyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl and pyridazinyl; or a bicyclic heterocyclic radical selected from the group of 2,3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxine, octahydro-benzo[1,4]dioxine, quinoxalinyl, indolyl, chromanyl, benzimidazolyl, imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridinyl, benzisoxazolyl, benzothiazolyl,benzofuranyl and benzothienyl ; or the tricyclic heterocyclic radical 8,9-dihydro-4*H*-1-oxa-3,5,7a-triaza-cyclopenta[f]azulenyl ; each radical may optionally be substituted with one or more radicals selected from the group of Ar^1, Ar^1alkyloxyalkyl, halo, alkyl, oxo, alkyloxy, alkylcarbonyl, Ar^1carbonyl, mono- and di(alkyl)aminoalkyl, alkyloxyalkyl and alkyloxycarbonyl ; and

alkyl is a straight or branched saturated hydrocarbon radical having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms or a cyclic saturated hydrocarbon radicals having from 3 to 6 carbon atoms ; optionally substituted on one or more carbon atoms with one or more radicals selected from the group of phenyl, halo and hydroxy.

3. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R^1 is Ar^1methyl and attached to the 2-position or R^1 is Ar^1 and attached to the 3-position.

4. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R^2-X-C(=Q)-moiety is 3,5-di-(trifluoromethyl) phenylcarbonyl.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein Y is -C(=O)-.

7. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein Alk is a covalent bond.

8. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein L is Het^2.

9. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1, selected from the group consisting of:

[2R-trans]-{2-benzyl-4-[4-(1-pyrazin-2-yl-pyrrolidin-3-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-piperidin-1-yl}-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-methanone,

[2R-[2α,4β(S)]]-1-(3-{4-[2-benzyl-1-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzoyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2,2-dimethyl-propan-1-one,

[2R-[2α,4β(S*)]-{2-benzyl-4-[4-(1-cyclopropanecarbonyl-pyrrolidin-3-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-piperidin-1-yl}-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-methanone,

[2R-trans]-enantiomer of {2-benzyl-4-[4-(1-cyclopropanecarbonyl-pyrrolidin-3-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-piperidin-1-yl}-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-methanone,

2R-trans-(2-benzyl-4-{4-[1-(tetrahydro-furan-3-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-methanone,

[2R-[2α,4β(R(R))]]-(2-benzyl-4-{4-[1-(tetrahydro-furan-3-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-methanone,

[2R-[2α,4β(S(R))]]-(2-benzyl-4-{4-[1-(tetrahydro-furan-3-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-methanone,

[2R-trans, R*]-(2-benzyl-4-{4-[1-(furan-3-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-methanone,

[2R-[2α,4β(R)]]-(2-benzyl-4-{4-[1-(5-methyl-thiophene-2-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-methanone,

[2R-trans]-(2-benzyl-4-{4-[1-(3-hydroxymethyl-thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-methanone,

[2R-[2α,4β(S)]]-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-(2-(3,4-dichloro-benzyl)-4-{4-[1-(4-hydroxy-butyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-methanone,

[(2R-trans),(S)]-1-(3-{4-[1-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzoyl)-2-(3,4-dichloro-benzyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2,2-dimethyl-propan-1-one,

trans-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-[4-{4-[1-(2-chloro-benzoyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-2-(3,4-dichloro-benzyl)-piperidin-1-yl]-methanone,

[(2R-trans),(S)]-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-(2-(3,4-dichloro-benzyl)-4-{4-[1-(thiophene-2-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-methanone,

[(2R-trans), (R)]-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-(2-(3,4-dichloro-benzyl)-4-{4-[1-(thiophene-3-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-methanone,

[(2R-trans), (R)]-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-(2-(3,4-dichloro-benzyl)-4-{4-[1-(furan-2-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-methanone,

[(2R-trans), (S)]-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-(2-(3,4-dichloro-benzyl)-4-{4-[1-(furan-2-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-methanone,

[(2R-trans), (S), (R)]-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-(2-(3,4-dichloro-benzyl)-4-{4-[1-(tetrahydro-furan-3-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-methanone,

[(2R-trans), (R)]-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-(2-(3,4-dichloro-benzyl)-4-{4-[1-(pyrazine-2-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-methanone,

[2R-[2α,4β(R*)]]-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-(2-(3,4-difluoro-benzyl)-4-{4-[1-(1-methyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-methanone,

[2R-[2α,4β(R*(S*))]]-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-(2-(3,4-difluoro-benzyl)-4-{4-[1-(tetrahydro-furan-3-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-methanone,

[2R-[2α,4β(S*(S*))]]-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-(2-(3,4-difluoro-benzyl)-4-{4-[1-(tetrahydro-furan-3-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-methanone,

[2R-[2α,4β(S*(R*))]]-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-(2-(3,4-difluoro-benzyl)-4-{4-[1-(tetrahydro-furan-3-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-methanone,

[2R-[2α,4β(R*(R*))]]-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-(2-(3,4-difluoro-benzyl)-4-{4-[1-(tetrahydro-furan-3-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-methanone,

[2R-[2α,4β(S*)]]-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-(2-(3,4-difluoro-benzyl)-4-{4-[1-(furan-3-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-methanone,

[2R-[2α,4β(S*)]]-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-(2-(3,4-difluoro-benzyl)-4-{4-[1-(pyrazine-2-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-methanone,

[2R-[2α,4β(S*)]]-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-(2-(3,4-difluoro-benzyl)-4-{4-[1-(4-methyl-[1,2,3]thiadiazole-5-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-methanone, and

cis-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-(3-phenyl-4-{4-[1-(thiophene-2-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-methanone.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

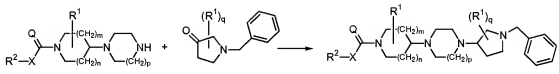
13. (Previously presented) A method for treating schizophrenia, emesis, anxiety, depression, irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), circadian rhythm disturbances, pain, neurogenic inflammation, asthma, micturition disorders and nociception in a subject in need thereof comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.

14. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a

pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and, as active ingredient, a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.

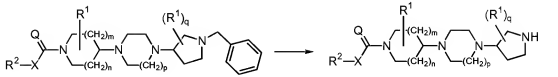
15. (Previously presented) A process for preparing a pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 14, wherein a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is intimately mixed with a therapeutically effective amount of a compound as claimed claim 1.

16. (Original) A process for the preparation of a compound of Formula (I") in which an intermediate compound of Formula (II) is reacted with an intermediate compound of Formula (III), wherein the radicals R^2, X, Q, R^1, m, n, p and q are as defined in claim 1.



(II) (III) (I")

17. (Original) A process for the preparation of a compound of Formula (I') in which a final compound of Formula (I") is reductively hydrogenated, wherein the radicals R^2, X, Q, R^1, m, n, p and q are as defined in claim 1.



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18. (Canceled)